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25X1 1. Source had the impression that the Materialamt (material office) Pirna was scheduled to be decentralized its technical staff to be transferred to Dessau and, the Sonnenstein Institute scheduled to remain a mere material checking office.

2. Source again confirmed that the Pirna office produced complete sets of shop designs of the Nene power unit according to Soviet designs, as well as designs required for test stand trials, and tabulations on equipment including machine tools and assembly lines. Source stated that, on the basis of Soviet GOST standards, investigations into the properties of Soviet materials were made in the office to find out the equivalent materials the corresponding to German standards, and that DIN standards which had thus been transposed were entered in German designs produced in Pirna. A similar method was applied for fits. Source stated that the original ISA-fits had been adopted by the Soviets.¹

25X1 3. [redacted] a member of the Pirna office, who stated that this office had placed an order with WTB-4 to build a test stand for a power unit of a push of 3,000 kg, i.e. the Nene-type power units. Source found out that this order had not yet been received by WTB-4.²

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25X1A 1. [redacted] Comment. This information answers the question as to whether the license production of Soviet equipment is based on German or Soviet standards. [redacted]

25X1A 2. [redacted] Comment. WTB-4 is believed to be a department of the Wissenschaftlich-technisches Buero fuer Geraetebau (scientific technological office for instrument building) located at 9-11 Neue Bahnhofstrasse, Berlin O 112. This office belonged to SAG Awtowelo up to May 1952, and after this SAG had been dissolved was assigned to SAG Kabel. Information of September 1952, indicated that this designing office was employed in designing an air controlling device to keep constant the temperature of the carburetor air in an engine test stand. It is believed that this air controlling device was scheduled for the altitude climate test stand in Berlin Adlershof. [redacted] mentioned as a member of the Pirna material office, [redacted]

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